

QUAD FEDERAL MEN IN CITY TO HOLD DOWN THE LIQUOR LID NEW YEAR'S EVE

SHERIFF OF DES MOINES AND DEPUTY ARRESTED FOR BIG THEFT OF BOOZE

Charged With Complicity in Raid on Polk County Liquor Supply. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Warrants were issued early today for the arrest of Winfred E. Robb, Polk county sheriff until Jan. 1, and his brother, Deputy Sheriff George Robb, in connection with the theft of \$30,000 worth of liquor from the Polk county jail booze room last Wednesday night. Both are in custody.

ARREST CLEARS WERTZ MURDER AT IOWA CITY

Surprise Is Sprung in Death Mystery; Charged Wife. Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Two days of mystery cloaking the slaying of Roy Wertz, shot to death in his home here Wednesday forenoon, was broken today when Robert Leeper, 24, son-in-law of the slain man, was arrested on a charge of murder, filed by County Attorney C. M. Miller. Leeper's arrest came just 40 minutes before the coroner's jury, after an all night inquest, had behind closed doors, returned a verdict in which it declared its belief that the fatal shots were fired by Wertz's wife in self defense.

U. S. PROPOSES ARMENIAN HOME

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Plans for an Armenian national home, financed by a possible \$20,000,000 appropriation by the United States congress, or a popular loan in America, in addition to funds from other countries, were presented to the near east conference today by the American delegation.

TURK DIVISION SENT TO MOSUL

Athens, Dec. 30.—The Turks are sending reinforcements in the district of Mosul, the rich oil district, the ownership of which is in dispute at the Lausanne conference, according to advices to the Central News from a reliable source.

STERLING GALT DEAD

Emmettsburg, Md., Dec. 30.—Sterling Galt, brother-in-law of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, died.

SECOND HERRIN TRIAL TO START

Marion, Ill., Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Possibility of holding two Herrin killing trials simultaneously was indicated today in a statement by State's Attorney DeLoe Duty, that he was ready to start on the second case immediately, if necessary.

PROPOSED DESIGN FOR NEW ARGUS HOME



The above architect's drawing has been submitted by Cervin & Horn, Rock Island architects, as a proposed design for the new Argus home to be erected on the southwest corner of Eighteenth street and Fourth avenue. Though plans are still in the preliminary stages, it is the intention of the publishers that the new plant shall be part of Rock Island's 1923 building program.

APPEALS TO WORLD FOR REPARATION

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Abandoning Secret Diplomacy, U. S. Asks Support Public Opinion.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Having failed to convince France by informal conversations of diplomacy, the United States government has appealed to the opinion of the world in support of its plan for a settlement of the reparation problem. Secretary Hughes' speech at New Haven, almost coincident with the first expression from the White house on foreign policy in three weeks, has a significance apart from the character of the proposal that a commission of financiers undertake to fix what Germany can pay. It means that the American government has been quietly advancing this proposal, but that France has not agreed. There is no reason to believe France has returned a flat negative but there is every reason to suppose that the American government has made little headway by secret diplomacy and is trying open diplomacy again.

FIFTEEN OPERATIVES TO BE POSTED AT ALL PUBLIC PLACES STAGING PARTIES

Today In City

Rock Island arsenal soldier attempts suicide by taking poison after quarrel with his sweetheart. H. W. Phelps denies published report that automobile factory is to locate in Rock Island with him as superintendent. Prohibition Agent Prendergast announces that dry law will be enforced at all public New Year's eve parties in Rock Island county.

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ITALIANS MUST HANG

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